

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

New claims 5-8 have been added to further define the scope of Applicant's invention.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 2 and 4. However, Applicant disagrees in part with the Examiner's reasons for allowing the claims as discussed below.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakamura (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,667). Applicant traverses these rejections because Nakamura fails to disclose or suggest all of the claim limitations.

Regarding claim 1, Nakamura fails to disclose at least the following limitations:

multiplexing an area designation part and a contents part to produce the broadcasting program, and means for transmitting the broadcasting program;

said reception apparatus including a radio wave reception section for receiving a broadcasting program, a current position acquisition section for detecting a current position of said reception apparatus, ***an area to physical district coordination table including pairs of information each of which represents an area name and a physical district of the area name, a current area detection section for searching for an area name which includes the current position detected by said current position acquisition section from within said area to physical district coordination table and outputting the searched out area name, a broadcasting propriety discrimination section for comparing the area name outputted from said current area detection section and the area designation part of the broadcasting program received from said radio wave reception section with each other and outputting the contents part of the broadcasting program when the area name is included in the area designation part***, and a reproduction section for receiving and reproducing the contents part of the broadcasting program outputted from said broadcasting propriety discrimination section.

Nakamura discloses a method for acquiring map information and providing area information based on where a car is located. Applicant first points out that the Examiner has not identified the specific items in Nakamura that allegedly correspond to the claimed area designation part, broadcasting program, and pairs of information each of which represents an area name and a physical district of the area name, nor has the Examiner explained how these alleged items are used to meet the specific current area detection section and broadcasting propriety discrimination section limitations.

Next, the Examiner alleges that Nakamura discloses means for multiplexing an area designation part and a contents part, and cites figure 4 and col. 4, lines 1-29 for support. However, figure 4 simply depicts supplying road map data and traffic information for a given area to a transmitter. There is no disclosure of an area designation being multiplexed with a contents part.

Regarding claim 3, Nakamura fails to disclose at least the following limitations:

a radio wave reception section for receiving a broadcasting program in which *an area designation part and a contents part are multiplexed*;

a current area detection section for searching for an area name which includes the current position detected by said current position acquisition section from within said area to physical district coordination table and outputting the searched out area name;

a broadcasting propriety discrimination section for comparing the area name outputted from said current area detection section and the area designation part of the broadcasting program received from said radio wave reception section with each other and outputting the contents part of the broadcasting program when the area name is included in the area designation part; and

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As mentioned above in connection with claim 1, the Examiner has not identified the specific items in Nakamura that allegedly correspond to the claimed area designation part, broadcasting program, and area name, nor has the Examiner explained how these alleged items are used to meet the specific current area detection section and broadcasting propriety discrimination section limitations.

Next, the Examiner alleges that Nakamura discloses multiplexing an area designation part and a contents part, and cites figure 4 and col. 4, lines 1-29 for support. However, figure 4 simply depicts supplying road map data and traffic information for a given area to a transmitter. There is no disclosure of an area designation being multiplexed with a contents part.

Finally, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claims 2 and 4 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicant disagrees that Nakamura discloses the limitations discussed on pages 4 to 6 of the Office Action for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with claims 1 and 3.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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